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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA WILL SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION  
TO INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

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(SBU) Pol Chief delivered ref (A) demarche to MFA Additional  
Secretary for Multilateral Affairs Maduwedegera via

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diplomatic note on November 6 and followed up in person on  
November 7. Maduwedegera confirmed that Sri Lanka will  
support Michael Matheson for re-election to the International  
Law Commission (ILC). He also requested U.S. support for Sri  
Lanka's candidate for an Asian seat on the ILC, MFA legal  
advisor Dr. Rohan Perera. Pol Chief replied that we could  
not make any commitment to support Dr. Perera, but that we  
were familiar with his work and reputation, and we would  
forward the request for support to Washington for further  
consideration. Post will send bio information on Perera  
septel.  
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